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Yanks Do Not See Early Jap Collapse

SEATTLE, July 3 (UP)—American fighting men on the Pacific war fronts do not expect any sudden Japanese collapse, Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal told an American Legion meeting yesterday.

"We shall pour on Japan, through naval air and B-29 assaults tremendous weights of metal in the next four months," Forrestal said.

"But as Admiral Marc A. Mitscher says, nobody knows what the effect will be as we are dealing with an enemy who has tenacity, cunning and savagery. I don't believe anyone can tell how long that mystical and fanatical quality the Japs have shown so far will go. One must always assume there could be a blow-up in Japan, but I can assure you, that broadly speaking the men fighting this war don't think there will be."

Sergeant Greene is a gunner and radio operator on a B-24 Liberator bomber at this Fourth Air Force base where combat crews for the Liberators are formed and final training is given.

Prior to entering the AAF, Sgt. Greene was a student.

Thurston C. Lay, whose wife, Mrs. Thelma Lay, lives at 7350 11th avenue northwest, Seattle, Wash., has been advanced to motor machinist's mate, third class, USNR, aboard a destroyer escort of the Atlantic fleet.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lay of Enterprise. He has three brothers in the service: Russell, in the army, Harold, in the navy, and Elmer, in the merchant marine.

Lay attended Joseph high school, Joseph, and was employed by the Electrol Oil Burner Corp. in Seattle before entering the navy.

He wears the American theater ribbon with one star and the European-African-Middle Eastern theater ribbon with two stars for participation in action against German submarines.

Pvt. Dix L. Rogers of La Grande, is returning home from the fifth army's 91st "Powder River" division in Italy under the adjusted service rating system.

He left after attending a farewell ceremony. Rogers was a rifleman in company L of the 361st infantry regiment. His wife, Lean H., lives at 1304 Penn avenue, La Grande.

Russell Cowgill, 18, seaman, second class, USNR, son of Mrs. Flora E. Cowgill, Enterprise, Ore., having crossed the equator aboard a light cruiser in the Pacific and undergone the customary initiation, may now wear the title of "full-fledged shellback."

Initiation ceremonies for the Ancient Order of Shellbacks were staged by "old salts" of the crew. The colorful celebration was held on the weather deck as this hard-hitting cruiser steamed across the equator.

"It's one initiation I'll never forget," each new shellback confessed to his shipmates, proudly displaying his official membership card—a newly bald head and a big grin.

Newest members of the select nautical club are awaiting two things—more "pollywogs" to come aboard for initiation, and the next crossing of the equator.

Cpl. Claud N. Braden who had been home for a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Braden of La Grande, left Sunday for Santa Monica, Calif., for reassignment. In the army since April, 1942, Corporal Braden had been overseas 27 months; and after returning from the south Pacific was in a convalescent hospital at Ft. George Wright, Wash., for a month.

Sgt. Howard A. Bay, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira I. Bay, 1217 X avenue, La Grande, is currently assigned to the AAF redistribution station at Santa Ana army air base.

Sergeant Bay, a B-17 tail gunner in the Eighth air force with 34 missions to his credit, entered the service in November, 1943 and went overseas in November 1944. He has been awarded the air medal with four oak leaf clusters, distinguished unit citation with one oak leaf cluster, and the European theater ribbon with one battle star.

At this redistribution station, an operation of the personnel distribution command, combat returnees of the AAF receive complete medical examinations, classification interviews and reassignment to domestic stations of the army air forces.

The United States produced as much steel in one month of 1945 as Japan could produce in more than a year.



FASTER THAN FELLER?—Heavily padded ball player identified only as Ian Brokaw, catches ball shot from 75-mm artillery piece at Shibe Park in Philadelphia during sports carnival for war bond drive. Player in "Catch of Death," standing 125 feet from gun, was knocked back several feet but held ball.

Today's Sport Parade

By JACK CUDDY UP Staff Correspondent

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NEW YORK, July 3 (UP)—Can Brooklyn and Detroit uphold the ancient baseball adage major league clubs leading the races July 4 are the ones that win the pennants? Despite statistical evidence of the past 30 years to support the old saying, it is doubtful if the Dodgers can go on to win. The Tigers seem destined to carry out the time-worn maxim.

The ancient saw is given credence by the following modern statistics: During the past 30 years, from 1915 to 1944 inclusive, there were 80 pennant winners. Of these winners, 35 were leading or tied for the lead on Independence day.

In Second First-place Detroit seemed ready to bolster these statistics, although, strangely enough, the Tigers never topped the American circuit on any Independence day during the past 30 years. They won three pennants during period—in 1934, '35 and '40—each time after occupying second July fourth. In this connection, we might note 16 other pennant winners, in addition to the Tigers, rose from second place on the July holiday during the three decades.

The Tigers seem destined for the flag because they shape up as a better-balanced club than that which barely lost the pennant to the Browns last season, after rising from seventh on Independence day. Their pitching is stronger, due to Alton Benton's return from service and the more consistent work of Frank Overmire. Meanwhile Hank Greenberg recently returned from service and indicated he hadn't lost his power by hitting

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a home run in his first game. His return is expected to offset the loss of Dick Wakefield from the '44 club. It is significant to note the Tigers were strong enough to develop a lead before Greenberg's return, and while Benton was out with a broken leg.

Both Weaker Meanwhile, the Yankees and Browns definitely are weaker than in '44; and the Red Sox appear about the same as last season despite the acquisition of Boo Ferriss. Chicago's White Sox are too weak on the road. Some admirers regard Washington—with its well-balanced pitching staff and its hustle infield—as a dark horse.

However, the Senators are in second division; and statistics show never in the past 30 years has a club risen from second division on Independence day to win a pennant. It is true that back in 1914 the miracle Braves climbed out of the cellar after July fourth and went on to win the National gongalon and the world championship from the supposedly invincible Athletics.

Bordagaray Urged Not to Umpire Any Brooklyn Contests

CERRY POINT, N. C., July 3 (UP)—Take it from his Dodger team mates, Stan (Frenchy) Bordagaray will be better off if he never umpires another baseball game.

The Dodger utility man made his debut as an arbiter yesterday as Brooklyn defeated the flying leathernecks of the Cherry Point marine base, 3 to 3.

Relieving the regular umpire in the seventh inning, Bordagaray made it a point to call raw decisions against the Dodgers, much to the delight of the 15,000 marine spectators.

The Dodgers didn't care too much because it was an exhibition, but they let it be emphasized he hadn't better try it in Brooklyn.

The game was to mark the naming of the new diamond here in honor of Brig. Gen. T. J. Cashman, commanding general of the marine corps air station.

Dickson Wins First Ball Game in Reich

COBLENZ, Germany, July 3 (UP)—To pint-sized Murry Dickson, formerly of the St. Louis Cardinals, fell the honor of pitching and winning the first American game of baseball in Germany during the last 22 years. Dickson, pitching for the 15th army's 35th division, defeated the 100th division, 5 to 2, before 20,000 servicemen.

Baseball Standings

By United Press

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Others unchanged.

Yanks, White Sox Win in Home Field

By CARL LUNDQUIST
NEW YORK, July 3 (UP)—If the Yankees and White Sox could get together the next time at Ash-taba, O., which as the crow flies is about half-way between New York and Chicago, they might put on a series to stir the pulse. The two teams have a common failing—they can't win on the road. When they play each other, the result is a foregone conclusion.

The Yankees steamed into Chicago with high hopes they had conquered their road jinx after winning two out of three from the champion Browns at St. Louis. That was significant because they had dropped eight straight games at St. Louis.

Win Four They had every reason to think they could win from the White Sox. They had battered the Sox four straight times when they last met at Yankee stadium. That was the first meeting of the teams this season since the Yankees series at Chicago was rained out. So what happened? The White Sox turned the tables and beat the Yankees four in a row.

The Sox had reason to figure they had their turn coming. When they were spanked at New York, they were leading the league. After that they tumbled into the second division, remaining there until they set up house-keeping at home again. This time the Yankees were the contenders, only a half game behind the leading Tigers when they arrived at Chicago. Now after four

losses in five, to the Sox, they are three and a half games behind and look like anything but potential champions.

Lose Badly In losing the opener, 11 to 6, the Bronxmen used three pitchers in a futile attempt to stem the Chicago attack, which was paced by Pitcher Ed Lopat. He made three hits and drove in three runs. Five Yankee errors also contributed. In the second game, young Bill Zuber's fast ball was steaming and he gained an easy 6 to 1 triumph. However, the Yankees stranded 17 men in base, just one short of tying a major league record and they missed inelegantly because Bud Metheny hit into a ninth inning double play.

The Browns, or more specifically, Mike Kreevich, came to life, and the result was a double victory over the Red Sox at St. Louis, 7 to 1 and 3 to 2. The outfielder waited until the bases were full in the third inning of the first game to hit his first homer this season. After that Sigmund Jakucki had it easy in gaining a five-hit victory, his seventh. It was a little tougher for Jack Kramer to gain his eighth victory, also a five-hitter, in the afterpiece, but Kreevich came up in the last of the ninth to double home two runs.

Segura Advances To Third Round in Clay Court Meet

RIVER FOREST, Ill., July 3 (UP)—Francisco (Pancho) Segura, defending men's singles champion, advanced to the third round of the national clay court tennis championship today, but the Ecuadorian ace was warned to expect tough competition when he meets top-seeded Billy Talbert, Wilmington, Del.

Talbert, fresh from a triumph at Cincinnati, O., where he walked away with the tri-state title, won his first round match yesterday by defeating Charles Schauf, Highland Park, Ill., 6-1, 6-3, 6-0.

The former Indianapolis net star meets Hubert Rance of Chicago in second round play. Segura, winner of the clay court tournament last year, but seeded second to Talbert, won over Alex George, Kansas City, Mo., 6-0, 7-5, 8-2.

In the women's singles, Mary Arnold, Los Angeles, defeated Nancy Corbett, River Forest, 6-2, 6-1 and Doris Hart of Miami, Fla., won over Doris Poppie, Des Moines, Ia., 6-0, 6-3, in first round matches.

It takes 1654 bushels of flaxseed processed into linseed oil to paint one battleship.

Scattle goes to Los Angeles to engage the seventh-place Angels who still are smarting under a blast by Manager Buck Fausett for dropping six out of seven games to the Seals last week. Hollywood, which captured four straight from the Acorns last week, visits the Padres in their San Diego lair. The Padres are pressing for a first division berth on the strength of winning 14 games and losing 16 during June. San Francisco will send Floyd Ehrman to the mound to oppose the Sacs with Bob Joyce, Bob Barthelston and Frank Seward counted upon to take their regular turns at facing the Solons.

Seals Open Vital Three Week Trip; To Play 24 Games

By United Press
San Francisco's rejuvenated Seals, leaders in the Pacific coast baseball league during the month of June, open one of the most important series of their 1945 schedule in Sacramento Tuesday. Last month the Seals won 19 games and lost 12 for a percentage of .613.

The Seals begin a three-week road junket with eight-game series scheduled for the California capital, Portland and Seattle. Their latest surge has taken them from seventh place to third, one game behind Seattle.

Manager Marvin Owen's Portland Beavers, present holders of the top rung, pull into Oakland Tuesday with a view to fattening their lead of five games over the Rainiers. The Acorns, now in fourth place behind the Seals are expected to provide plenty of opposition.

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Five Big League Players Return

CHICAGO, July 3 (UP)—The American league national defense list today was cut to 263 players with the return of five men from the armed forces.

The five, whose return within the past two weeks brought a reduction in the list for the first time since Pearl Harbor, are Red Ruffing of the Yankees, Hank Greenberg of Detroit, Sam West of Chicago, Pete Appleton of St. Louis and Chester Bowles of Philadelphia.

The A's continue to lead the junior circuit with 38 players in service.

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